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TAGS: MLAT, PORG
SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: KUWAITI FOREIGN MINISTER WILL
ATTEND BELGRADE NAM MINISTERIAL

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY CONFIRMS THAT FONMIN SHAIKH SABAH AL-
AHMAD AL-JABER AL-SABAH WILL LEAD GOK DELEGATION TO NAM
MINISTERIAL IN BELGRADE COMMENCING JULY 25. DELEGATION WILL
REPORTEDLY INCLUDE FOLLOWING MFA OFFICERS:

-- ABDULLA YAQOUB BISHARA, GOK PERMREP AT UN.
-- ABDUL AZIZ ISA AL-KHODR, DIRECTOR OF FONMIN'S OFFICE.
-- ALI AL-JARRAH, GOK AMB TO YUGOSLAVIA.
-- MUSA AL-MUSA, MFA POLITICAL DEPARTMENT (NEW "DESK OFFICER"
FOR NAM AFFAIRS).
-- FAISAL AL-GHAIS, MFA ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT
AND MOHAMMAD AL-KHAWAJAH OF KUWAIT FUND FOR ARAB ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT.
ABDULLAH SAUD AL-ABDULRAZZAK, MFA ECONOMIC DEPT AND
FORMER OFFICER OF GOK EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, MAY ALSO
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ATTEND.

2. DELEGATION STRIKES US AS EMINENTLY APPROACHABLE BY USG
OFFICIALS FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS AT BELGRADE MEETINGS.
AL-MUSA, AL-GHAIS AND AL-ABDULRAZZAK, ESPECIALLY THE
LATTER, ARE GOOD FRIENDS OF EMBASSY KUWAIT AND HAVE BEEN
HELPFUL, THOUGH NOT ALWAYS INFORMED IN DEPTH ON FONMIN'S

LATEST THINKING. AL-KHODR IS LESS WELL KNOWN TO US BUT IS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO USG AND SHOULD BE WELL-INFORMED. BISHARA, OF COURSE, AND FON MIN HIMSELF ARE LONG-TIME EXPERTS AT STEERING KUWAIT THROUGH THE HAZARDS OF THIRD WORLD POLITICS.

3. CHARGE HAS APPOINTMENT WITH AL-KHODR SATURDAY, 22 JULY TO DISCUSS ISSUES AS INSTRUCTED.

4. MFA SOURCE SAYS FOREIGN MINISTER WILL DEPART KUWAIT JULY 23, VIA BAHRAIN "WHERE HE WILL PICK UP BAHRAINI FONMIN" AND PROCEED TO BELGRADE. HE IS EXPECTED TO STAY FIVE DAYS IN YUGOSLAVIA, FOLLOWED BY THREE IN SOUTHERN FRANCE, PROBABLY ON VACATION. THUS WE CONSIDER IT LIKELY THAT FONMIN WILL NOT BE BACK AT WORK IN KUWAIT BEFORE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, AND, GIVEN GOK THURSDAY/FRIDAY WEEKEND, HE MIGHT WELL NOT AIM TO BE BACK PRIOR TO SATURDAY, AUGUST 5.
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